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Mr. Neil E. Thompson US EPA Region X 1200 Sixth Avenue – ECL-113 Seattle, WA 98101

Re: February 2006 Monthly Report

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter serves as the monthly progress report for February 2006, in accordance with Section X, Paragraph 29 of the RD/RA Consent Decree for the Tronox Incorporated (Tronox) site, in Soda Springs, Idaho.

## **February Activities**

During the month of February, Tronox inspected the 10-acre pond. The landfill and cap are covered with several feet of snow and are inaccessible. The fenced enclosures surrounding the pond, cap and landfill facilities are in good condition, and the gates are closed and locked. The landfill sump will be measured when conditions allow access to the facility. The 10-acre pond has about 20 inches of water overlying about 9 inches of salt.

A report was completed during February that summarized drainage improvement activities completed at the site in November 2005. A draft design plan to construct a landfill at the site was also completed in February and is currently being reviewed by Tronox.

## March/April Activities

VOLUNTARY PROTECTION IN THE 908
OSHA STAR WORKSITE



During the months of March and April, Tronox will continue monitoring of the cap, landfill and 10-acre pond. The as-built report summarizing drainage improvements near the cap was forwarded to you during the first week of March. Tronox will monitor the completed drainage improvements following snow melt.

Tronox intends to transmit the draft landfill plans for the construction of two on-site landfill cells to the IDEQ for their review in March. These cells will be required to complete reclamation of the 10-acre pond facility and to contain pond liners from the 5-



acre pond closures. Water samples were obtained from the 10-acre pond during the first week in March to test both stabilization and evaporation methods for the elimination of the free water on the pond solids prior to landfill construction.

The results from the October 2005 ground and surface water sampling will also be reviewed and validated during this time period. Once the data have been validated, these data will be appended to the RD/RA database and transmitted to you.

No community relation activities are planned for this period.

## Problems or Delays

No delays are expected.

If you have any questions about the work or additional information is required with regards to the work described above, please contact me at (208) 547-3331, extension 230.

Sincerely,

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